

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct certain grammatical errors and omissions. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 7 consistent with Examiner's comment.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Rejection under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beglinger (4,687,434) in view of Chou (5,772,905).

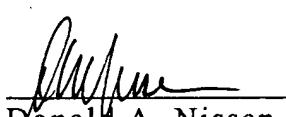
Having amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 7 Applicant now urges that claim 1 and claims 2-6 and 8-10 dependent therefrom now patentably distinguish over the prior art and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Having overcome the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 USC §103, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 07/03/2006


Donald A. Nissen
Registration No. 44,261
1025 NW Couch St. #1212
Portland, OR 97209
Telephone (503) 226-8025



Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this Correspondence and documents referred to herein were deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Date of Deposit: 7/12/06

Person making Deposit Anna Timince Signature Anna Timince

Application No: 10/756,978

For Applicant: Cardinale